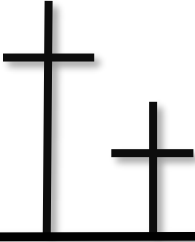


A close-up photograph of several green palm fronds, showing their characteristic parallel veins and fan-like structure. The fronds are arranged in a diagonal pattern, creating a sense of depth and texture. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text "Palm Sunday" in a dark green, elegant serif font. The background is softly blurred, emphasizing the sharp details of the leaves in the foreground.

Palm
Sunday



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SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR Joe Naumann DEACON Ted Schreyer

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WELCOME!

We are excited to share the Good News with you! Guests, please contact us if you are interested in learning more about Immanuel.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Entrance Hymn 161 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

INVOCATION *We invoke ("call upon") the name of our Triune God.*

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪ Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Pages 4-5 in the *Harmony of the Gospels Handout*
which can be found in the narthex.

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 69:13-21

P: Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good;

C: Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

P: And do not hide Your face from Your servant,

C: For I am in trouble; Hear me speedily.

P: Draw near to my soul, and redeem it;

C: Deliver me because of my enemies.

P: You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor;

C: My adversaries are all before You.

P: Reproach has broken my heart, And I am full of heaviness;

C: I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none.

P: They also gave me gall for my food,

C: And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTOLIC CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day 219 TLH (*Red Hymnal*)
The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns

SERMON HEBREWS 12:1-6

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. **4** You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. **5** And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; **6** For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."

RUNNING TIPS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Learn from the Pacesetters
2. Set Aside the Weights
3. Keep Your Eyes on the Finish Line

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

OFFERTORY WS (TAN HYMNAL) PG 16

In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

Hymn 725 WS (Tan Hymnal)
No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *A Good Word or Blessing.*

ALL: ♪ Amen.

Hymn 162 TLH (*Red Hymnal*) Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty

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LAST WEEK

Gatherings

Midweek Lenten Service 3/17: **100**; views **106**

Saturday Worship 3/20: **44**

Saturday Family Sunday School: **6**

Sunday Worship 3/21: **103**; views **133**

Sunday Family Sunday School: **26**

Laurels Edge Bible Study: **4**

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Budgetary (\$13,461.54 budgeted per week)

\$ 8,502.89 Current Expenses General Budget

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

\$ 1,108 CLC General Budget (CBP)

\$ 100 CLC MDF

Non-Budgetary

\$ 15 ILS Foundation

\$ 984 Lent Offerings

\$ 155 Major Improvement

\$ 190 Student Aid

\$ 100 Land Purchase Fund

\$ 25 ILC Student Aid

\$ 160 Benevolent

\$ 1,091 Tour Choir

\$ 153.88 MPF

\$ 46 MPF Free Will

THIS WEEK

Sat Mar 27	2-5pm	Adventure Day at Minneopa State Park
	10:00a	Church Music Practice
	6:00p	Palm Sunday WORSHIP , In-Person
	7:00p	Family Sunday School
Sun Mar 28	9:00a	Family Sunday School
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: <i>KTOE 1420AM</i> or <i>102.7FM</i>

	10:00a	Palm Sunday WORSHIP , In-Person or Live Stream- Join us live by following the link at the top of the page on our website- www.ImmanuelMankato.org OR find and watch the recording afterwards at www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/ God bless your Holy Week!
Mon Mar 29	9:50a	Holy Monday Chapel
Tues Mar 30	9:50a	Holy Tuesday Chapel
	3-5p	Pastors' Office Hours
Wed Mar 31	9:50a	Holy Wednesday Chapel
	12:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service , Charter #181; Consolidated Comm #7
	5-6p	Communion Packet Pickup
	6:00p	In-person Confirmation Class
Thur April 1	10:00a	Walnut Towers Bible Study 105 E Walnut St Mankato
	10-11a	Communion Packet Pickup
	5:45p	Televised WORSHIP Service , Chart #181; Consolidated Comm #7
	6:00p	Maundy Thursday COMMUNION WORSHIP Service
Fri April 2	9:00a	Primrose Bible Study 1360 Adams St Mankato
	11:00p	SIC Meeting
	6:00p	Good Friday WORSHIP Service
Sat April 3	10:00a	Church Music Practice
	6:00p	Easter COMMUNION WORSHIP In-Person
Sun April 4	7:00a	Easter Sunrise WORSHIP In-person or Live Stream
	9:15a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Easter COMMUNION WORSHIP In-Person or Live Stream

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION PACKET PICKUP for both the Maundy Thursday service and for the Easter Day Communion service will be held on Wednesday, March 31 from 5:00pm - 6:00pm and on Thursday April 1 from 10:00am - 11:00am. If neither of these times work for you, please contact a pastor for a special time to get your communion supplies. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE Vacation Bible School is being planned to be held July 12-16. Please pray that God will enable us to hold VBS as normally as possible. Keep these dates in mind as you make your summer plans.

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED Altar Flower Volunteers are needed for upcoming services in March and April. Opportunities to volunteer are listed below. To sign up or get additional information, please contact Kristen Friedrichs at 507-382-5257 or StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Good Friday, April 2

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING A Special Voter's Meeting is being requested for after service on Sunday. Agenda will include membership matters, and the purchase of a water heater replacement for the MPF.

ERC: Should Immanuel Relocate? The Expansion Relocation Committee is re-investigating why certain areas of our current Immanuel campus are problematic. We hope to try to expand on these areas for the congregation in the coming months. Over the years, some of the major concerns the congregation has about our current campus have been:

Parking <> Multiple Level <> Preschool <> Facility Congestion <>
SECURITY <> Storage <> Green Space <> Maintenance & Operational
Costs <> Location

- **Security**

- Neighborhood Safety has been a concern for many years for both the church and the school. Protests downtown that are not always so peaceful. Crime in the area has continued with shootings, drugs, etc.
 - How can we help affect positive change in the neighborhood and what effort would that take from Immanuel?
- The multiple active entrances make surveillance more challenging and give opportunity for unauthorized entry. This makes it also more difficult to secure the facility in the case of a hostile event with all of the ground floor windows.
- The joined school and church facilities are a blessing, but also brings security issues during special services or school events (more places to get to or hide).
- The keys and entrance access have been an area of question for several years.

Questions to consider:

Are there ways to resolve these concerns with our current property?
Do you think these areas alone justify moving to a different location?

More questions? Would you like to meet and discuss more with one or two of us? Please ask one of our **ERC** members: Dave Busse (chair), Mick Rykhus, Russ Schmitt, Jared Miller, Jason Dick, Scott Kruse, Jim Buckley, Brandan Heinze, Neal Radichel

A CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT is being planned for Friday, April 16th at 7pm. Pastor Radichel will be doing a series of Scripture lessons, original songs, some congregational songs to sing, and devotional thoughts in the sanctuary (this is in coordination with a Mission Festival he was asked to do at another CLC congregation around the same time). If you are looking for a spiritually relaxing evening come on down. If you are interested in playing music or participating, please let Pastor know soon!

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY Pilgrims Rest Cemetery is planning on doing cleanup day on April 10th. from 9 AM - 1PM. We are looking for volunteers to assist us with raising lot markers, leveling flat stones, raking leaves, and picking up sticks and garbage. We are planning on renting a machine this year to do the bulk of the leaf pickup so we can dedicate more of our efforts to raising lot markers and stones.

Due to social restrictions remaining in place, we are not planning on providing lunch this year. Please bring a snack and drinks with you. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Harris 507-382-3081 or email at anthony.j.harris.222@gmail.com.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Dave Naumann, St. John's, Clarkston, WA/Peace, Orofino, ID has been called by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI <> Debra Mayhew has been called to serve as K-8 teacher at Grace, Sleepy Eve, MN

YOUTH CAMP at Camp Jim in Pillager, MN is currently a "go" for June 13-19, 2021. Because of spacing restrictions in Minnesota, attendance at this point is limited to those entering 9th through 12th grade in the Fall of 2021. Should restrictions be lifted, the camp directors will be ready to open registration to those entering 6th-8th grade as well. Initial registration date for Grades 9-12 will be on Palm Sunday, March 28, at 3:00 p.m. Central. Because of COVID uncertainties, no registration fee will be due at that time. Watch for a registration reminder and web address in the coming weeks.

THE EQUALITY ACT During his election campaign President Biden promised to pass "The Equality Act" within his first 100 days in office. The American Family Association said: "The bill has nothing to do with equality, but everything to do with punishing Christians' religious liberty." Here are some of the far reaching implications of the Equality Act if it were to pass:

- It will designate schools, churches, and healthcare organizations as "public accommodations." With this, schools, churches, and hospitals could be forced to accept the government's beliefs and mandates about sexual orientation and gender identity.
- It will legislate that we allow boys in girls' sports, boys in girls' locker rooms, men in women's shelters, and men in women's prisons. It will force teachers and students to publicly pretend that a biological male is a female. Schools will be encouraged or mandated to instruct first - third graders that they can choose to be a boy or a girl, or neither, or both, making biological sex (and science) a relic of the past.
- It will use the force of law across all 50 states to strip Christian and other religious ministries of their right to hire people of shared faith to pursue a shared mission.
- It will force doctors and medical professionals who long to do no harm to engage in gender transition treatments such as hormone-blocking, cross-sex hormones or surgery. A Catholic or faith-based hospital should not have to perform gender transition surgeries that go entirely against all they believe.
- It will be a tool used by the government to deny or threaten accreditation to religious colleges and universities if they do not apply sexual orientation and gender identity to dorms, sports, places of privacy and even teachings.
- If passed, this Act would have a massive impact on our religious liberty. Learn more about this legislation, share this information with others, and contact your senator and ask them to vote NO!

(shared by Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN)

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP In Old Testament times, the Passover Festival commemorated God's deliverance of the Children of Israel from Egyptian slavery. The high point of this feast was in the slaughtering of the spotless lamb. As commanded by the LORD, they ate the lamb, and spread its blood on the doorposts so the Angel of the LORD would pass over them and spare them. This Passover celebration lasted from the 14th to the 21st day of the Hebrew month Nisan.

For the New Testament Christian, we celebrate Holy Week commemorating God's deliverance of all people from their slavery to sin. The high points of this celebration include:

- Palm Sunday when Jesus entered into Jerusalem,
- Maundy Thursday when Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper after the Passover meal,
- Good Friday when Jesus was sacrificed as our spotless Lamb once and for all, and
- Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead giving us the confidence in His promise of our eternal life.

This year we are planning on more opportunities to reflect on the many detailed events of Holy Week. Along with our usual celebration worship times listed above, we plan to also hold three shorter, school chapel services Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during school. The chapels (school only this year) can be attended on livestream, or watched later in the day as they will be recorded. These shorter services will consist of an open and closing hymn, the Scripture reading of what Jesus did and said that day during Holy Week, a few devotional thoughts, and prayer. We encourage you to participate in as much as you are able to in order to get the full picture of what happened that week when Jesus fulfilled His promise to defeat sin, death, and the devil for us all!

The schedule can be found on the next page:

2021 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday	Holy Monday	Holy Tuesday	Holy Wednesday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	Easter Sunday
March 27-28	March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4
Sat 6p / Sun 10a	9:50a	9:50a	9:50a	6p Communion Worship	6p Worship	6p Easter Communion Worship	7a Easter Sunrise 10a Easter Communion Worship
In Person & Livestream	Chapel & Livestream	Chapel & Livestream	Chapel & Livestream	In Person & Livestream	In Person & Livestream	In Person & Livestream	In Person & Livestream
Pastor Naumann	Pastor Radichel	Pastor Radichel	Pastor Radichel	Pastor Naumann	Pastor Radichel	Both Pastors	Both Pastors